

City of Gresham
Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
June 8, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room, Gresham City Hall

as approved
7/13/2010

Meeting Minutes

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
ASERT	<i>John Vandermosten</i>	Northeast	NOT ACTIVE
Centennial		North Gresham	<i>Kati Arzeta, Elizabeth Harris</i>
Central City	<i>Bob Pung Sr., Clint Holly, Nancy Edmison</i>	Northwest	<i>Bill Humbert, Barbara Adams,</i>
Gresham Butte	<i>Bonnie Mitchell</i>	Gresham Pleasant Valley	
Hollybrook	NOT ACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Kelly Creek	<i>Carol Rulla</i>	Rockwood	<i>John Bildsoe, Catherine Nicewood</i>
Mt. Hood	<i>Anita Daily</i>	Southwest	<i>Suzan Wells</i>
North Central	<i>Maggie Anderson, Tia Hough</i>	Wilkes-East	<i>Marc Thornsbury, Curt Duvall</i>
Guests:	<i>Mike Abbate, Dan McAuliffe, Brian Martin, Katherine Kelly</i>		

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Carol Rulla, Coalition President, at 7:00 pm.

Quorum: Eleven (11) neighborhood associations were represented with elected board members; constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Pung Sr. moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010. Bill Humbert seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Mitchell – Dog Park: A dog park is slated for Main City Park in Phase III of the plan. A group has formed a 501(c)3 to help raise funds to construct and maintain the dog park. Portland has 49 dog parks; Gresham has 0. The purpose of the dog park is to offer an off-leash environment that is safe and controlled. The group will seek corporate sponsors and establish an “adopt-a-fence” program whereby a section of fence can be purchased for a donation of \$200/yr. Dog parks must be included in the master plan and that is why the group is working to develop one in Main City Park. Does city have any liability? No, do not believe so. There will be posted signs listing rules. There will be a meeting Thursday, June 10 at 6:30pm in Rooms 2A and 2B.

PRESENTATIONS

Katherine Kelly – City of Gresham, Sidewalk Survey. The City is still enlisting the support of volunteers to help survey sidewalks. Information packets were passed around. Coalition members asked for a more user-friendly webpage for the sidewalk survey.

Dan McAuliffe – City of Gresham, Retail Design & Development Standards. Council gave direction to develop policies and standards. 1. Regulations addressing large format retail. 2. Design regs for retail in Corridor Design Districts 3. Design regs for other commercial buildings. Address impacts, large format retail meets Community’s vision and City’s goals, mitigate storm water issues and parking, create design principals. There will be meetings coming up soon on this project. Approaches to building size. For terms of this project, spaces are considered to be 40,000 sq ft and larger. Is there any focus on smaller businesses? Not at this time.

Brian Martin – City of Gresham, Downtown Parking Plan. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 14, 2010, about the Downtown Parking Plan. For new development, there is no commercial requirement for parking right now; residential does have to provide a certain amount of parking. Parking survey results and a table of parking alternates were distributed.

Mike Abbate – Planning Director, City of Gresham: (1) The City has adopted the Nelson property master plan per the requirements of the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant used to purchase the property. (2) “Come Home to Gresham” foreclosed home loan program, grant was raised to \$20,000 from \$10,000 (interest free loans) and the boundaries of eligible foreclosures were expanded. All monies have been spent and about 15-20 homes were sold through this program. (3) On July 14th at 6:30pm, a meeting of *Our Parks, Our Future* task force will be held.

Bob Pung Sr. asked about curb cuts for ADA ramps. The area in question is by the Gresham Transit Center where there is a sidewalk area behind the driver’s shed on 8th and Kelly that is very bumpy and could use some attention. Mike Abbate asked Bob to let him know more precisely the location and he will have it reviewed.

Maggie Anderson said she has been getting a number of calls from developers asking her to pick the place, date and time for the ENN meeting. It was noted that the developer is responsible to set up the meeting but neighborhoods would be best served by picking the date, time and place, even at City Hall, if no suitable place exists in your neighborhood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ John Vandermosten, ASERT – Gresham Skate Park “grand opening”, June 21st at 4:30pm – 6:30pm on Roberts and Powell.
- ◆ National Night Out, August 3, 2010. Party registration deadline July 20, 2010. Register with Kelle Landavazo at 503-618-2567 or kelle.landavazo@greshamoregon.gov.
- ◆ Carol Rulla passed out a copy of a draft letter that she and Mads Ledet prepared to go to the Oregon Attorney General asking for certain clarifications and suggestions as to how public meetings law might apply to neighborhood associations. Will discuss at next meeting.
- ◆ Citizen Involvement Committee made a recommendation to establish an office of neighborhood associations operated within the city. Volunteers would staff the office. Carol will send an electronic version of the recommendation to the Coalition prior to the next meeting. At that time, the Coalition will discuss the recommendation and prepare feedback to be taken to the CIC’s August meeting.
 - ➔ Suzan Wells expressed concern of how we could practically staff such an office. John Vandermosten explained that the City Manager was behind this and had ideas on how to implement, with input from the Coalition and NA’s on what they would like to see. Carol offered to invite the City Manager for next month’s discussion.
- ◆ Bob Pung Sr. asked the group to think about the Teddy Bear Parade and asked that each neighborhood think about providing a car trophy for the car show.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Anita Daily, GCNA Secretary-Treasurer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room

NOTE: The Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations is referred to in the minutes as either “Coalition” or “GCNA”. Neighborhood Associations are referred to in the minutes as either “NA or NA’s”.